Nexus between Punjab Terrorists and Drug Traffickers

*194. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI;

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proof to the effect that a nexus exists between the Punjab terrorists and well organised drug traffickers; and

(b) whether any such proof has recently come o light; if so, what are the details theieof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH); (a) and (b) The interrogation of such elements arrested by the police has revealed that they haw not only been indulging in smuggling of drugs but also in clandestine trans-shipment of weapons for supply to lie extremists in Punjab.

Connidor around Golden Temple

*195. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the outline of he scheme of creating a corridor around the Golden Temple at Amritsar;

(b) what steps are being taken to arouse public cooperation and with what results;

(c) when the scheme was first conceived, what was the estimated expenditure on it when first assessed and what are the reasons for the delay in its implementation; and

(d) what is the present estimate of expenditure on the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The plan prepared by the Government envisage acquisition of land and property in the 30 metre belt around the Golden Temple Complex, rehabilitation of the oustees, demolition of properties acquired and development of the area including its beautification and land scaping.

(b) Public Co-operation has been forthcoming and a number of families have shifted out of the area to enable implementation of the plan.

(c) and (d) According to the project report prepared by the Government of Punjab in June, 1988, the expenditure, of the scheme would be Rs. 119 crores. There has been no revision of this estimate. Action for implementing the Scheme has already been taken by the agencies concerned.

Chakma Refugees in Camps in Tripura

*196. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of Chakma refugees in Tripura camps at the end of 1987 and what is their number as at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of Chakma tribal refugees from Bangladesh have died in Indian relief camps in Tripura; and

(c) if so, what were the exact causes of such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The number of Chakma refugees, who were in camps in Tripura at the end of 1987, was 45,981. Their number as on 25th July, 1988 was 44,881.